



## Ultra High-Speed 6-Bit Monolithic ADC

### AD9000

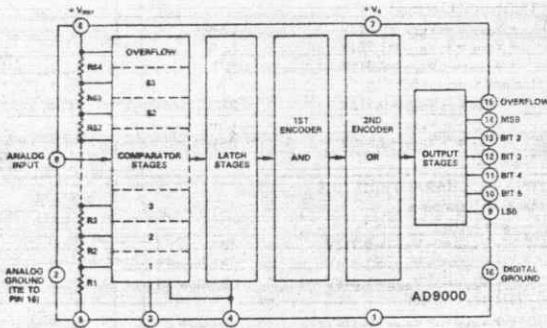
#### FEATURES

- 75MHz Minimum Word Rates
- T/H Required
- 55°C to +125°C Temperature
- Overflow Bit for Cascading Units

#### APPLICATIONS

- Image Processing
- Video Digitizing
- Radar Digitizing
- Military Systems

AD9000 FUNCTIONAL BLOCK DIAGRAM



#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

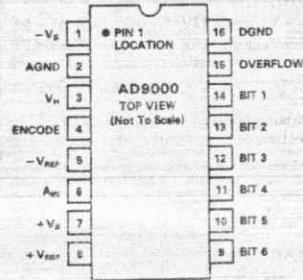
The AD9000 A/D Converter is another addition to the expanding line of monolithic high-speed data converters available from Analog Devices. As model number AD9000SD, this 6-bit, 75MHz converter can be operated over a temperature range extending from -55°C to +125°C, making it useful for a variety of applications in a wide diversity of environments. For applications requiring operation from 0 to +70°C, the AD9000JD is the recommended device.

The AD9000 is a "flash" converter which uses 64 parallel comparators to digitize fast-moving analog input signals without the need for external track-and-hold (T/H) circuits. An overflow bit can be used for connecting multiple units in a cascade arrangement to obtain up to eight bits of digital data at MHz word rates.

Two cascaded devices can be used to obtain seven bits, and four cascaded devices will provide eight bits of ECL-compatible output data.

Special design techniques assure temperature coefficients which allow the unit to be operated over extended temperature ranges. The flexibility and usefulness of the AD9000 are also enhanced by its ability to operate with maximum positive and negative reference voltages applied simultaneously, as contrasted with other flash converters which often limit the user to a small range of voltage within the extremes.

All models of the AD9000 are packaged in standard ceramic 16-pin configurations.



Outline & Pin Designations

# SPECIFICATIONS

(typical @ +25°C and nominal power supplies unless otherwise noted)

Model Parameter	Units	AD9000SD			AD9000JD		
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max
RESOLUTION (FS = Full Scale)	Bits		6			6	
LSB WEIGHT							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	mV		16			16	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	mV		32			32	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	mV		64			64	
DC ACCURACY	%FS ± 1/4LSB		0.4			0.4	
Nonlinearity vs. Temperature	% of FS/°C		0.003			0.003	
Differential Linearity <sup>1</sup>							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	LSB		0.75	1.0		0.75	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	LSB		0.25	0.5		0.25	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	LSB		0.2	0.4		0.2	
Integral Linearity <sup>2</sup>							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	LSB		1.25	1.5		1.25	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	LSB		0.7	1.0		0.7	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	LSB		0.4	0.75		0.4	
Monotonicity		Guaranteed -55°C to +125°C			Guaranteed 0 to +70°C		
DYNAMIC CHARACTERISTICS							
In-Band Harmonics <sup>3</sup>							
(dc to 1MHz)							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB below FS		44			44	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB below FS		47			47	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB below FS		47			47	
(1MHz to 5MHz)							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB below FS		40			40	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB below FS		40			40	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB below FS		41			41	
(5MHz to 8MHz)							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB below FS		30			30	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB below FS		30			30	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB below FS		31			31	
Conversion Time	ns		13			13	
Conversion Rate <sup>4</sup>	MHz	75	100		50		
Aperture Uncertainty (Jitter)	ps		25			25	
Aperture Time (Delay) (T <sub>D</sub> )	ns		2			2	
Setup Time (t <sub>u</sub> ) <sup>4</sup>	ns	2			2		
Hold Time (t <sub>h</sub> ) <sup>5</sup>	ns	2			2		
Signal Transition Time <sup>6</sup>							
Input to Output Low (t <sub>pd</sub> -)	ns	11	13	14	11	13	14
Input to Output High (t <sub>pd</sub> +)	ns	8	10	12	8	10	12
Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) <sup>7</sup>							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB		36			36	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB		37			37	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB		36			36	
Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) <sup>8</sup>							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB		45			45	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB		46			46	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB		45			45	
Noise Power Ratio (NPR) <sup>9</sup>							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	dB	27	29			29	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	dB	27	29			29	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	dB	27	29		27	29	
Transient Response <sup>10</sup>	ns			10			10
Overvoltage Recovery <sup>11</sup>	ns		5			5	
ANALOG INPUT (A <sub>IN</sub> )							
Voltage Range, Rated Performance	V		± 0.5	± 2			
Input Type					Unipolar (positive or negative) or Bipolar		
Input Current							
Hold (Latch) Mode	µA	-10		+10	-10		+10
Track (Sample) Mode <sup>12</sup>	µA		550	800		550	800
Input Capacitance <sup>13</sup>	pF		30			30	
Impedance <sup>12</sup>	kΩ		3.6			3.6	
Frequency Response <sup>14</sup>							
(75MHz Encode Rate)							
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 0.512V	MHz		24			24	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 1.024V	MHz		20			20	
+ V <sub>REF</sub> = - V <sub>REF</sub> = 2.048V	MHz		15			15	
REFERENCE INPUT							
Positive Reference (+ V <sub>REF</sub> )	V		-1.5	+2.0	-1.5	+2.0	
Negative Reference (- V <sub>REF</sub> )	V		-2.0	+1.5	-2.0	+1.5	
Resistance	Ω	80	100	200	80	100	200
Bandwidth							
Small Signal, 3dB	MHz		25			25	
Large Signal, 3dB	MHz		20			20	

Model Parameter	Units	AD9000SD			AD9000JD		
		Min	Typ	Max	Min	Typ	Max
<b>ENCODE COMMAND INPUT</b>							
Logic Compatibility			ECL		ECL		
Digital "1" (Hold/Latch)	V	-1.1	-0.9	-0.6	-1.1	-0.9	-0.6
Digital "0" (Track/Sample)	V	-2.0	-1.7	-1.5	-2.0	-1.7	-1.5
Digital "1" Current	$\mu$ A	5	15	35	5	15	35
Digital "0" Current	$\mu$ A	5	15	35	5	15	35
Required Termination (to -2V)	$\Omega$			50			50
Pulse Width							
Hold/Latch [ $t_{pw}(H)$ ]	ns	5	7		5	7	
Track/Sample [ $t_{pw}(T)$ ]	ns	4	6		4	6	
Frequency <sup>3</sup>	MHz	75	100		50		
<b>DIGITAL OUTPUT</b>							
Format	Bits	6 Parallel (RZ) plus Overflow (NRZ)			ECL		
Logic Compatibility							
Digital "1"	V	-1.1	-0.9	-0.6	-1.1	-0.9	-0.6
Digital "0"	V	-2.0	-1.7	-1.5	-2.0	-1.7	-1.5
Required Termination (to -2V)	$\Omega$	100			100		
Time Skew	ns			0.4			0.4
Coding		Binary (BIN)			Offset Binary (OBN)		
		No Data Ready Output Pulse					
<b>POWER REQUIREMENTS</b>							
+5V $\pm 5\%$ (+V <sub>S</sub> )	mA		60	75		60	75
-5.2V $\pm 5\%$ (-V <sub>S</sub> )	mA		67	85		67	85
Power Dissipation							
(+V <sub>REF</sub> = -V <sub>REF</sub> = 0V)	mW		650			650	
(+V <sub>REF</sub> = -V <sub>REF</sub> = 1V)	mW		690			690	
(+V <sub>REF</sub> = -V <sub>REF</sub> = 2V)	mW		810			810	
<b>TEMPERATURE RANGE</b>							
Operating (Case)	°C		-55	+125	0	+70	
Storage	°C		-55	+150	-55	+150	
<b>THERMAL RESISTANCE<sup>15</sup></b>							
Junction to Air, $\theta_{JA}$ (Free Air)	°C/W		95		95		
Junction to Case, $\theta_{JC}$	°C/W		20		20		
<b>PACKAGE TYPE<sup>16</sup></b>							
			D16A		D16A		

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Encode Rate = 75MHz; Analog Input = 1kHz.<sup>2</sup>Spurious in-band signals generated at 20MHz encode rate at analog inputs shown in ( ) .<sup>3</sup>Some spec degradation may occur at word rates (encode frequencies) above minimum shown. See Figure 4 for typical relationship between analog input frequencies and encode rates.<sup>4</sup>This is internal time set by design and is the minimum time before positive leading edge of Encode Command that a latch output must be at "1" for digital output to be generated by the latch.<sup>5</sup>This is internal time set by design and is the minimum time after positive leading edge of Encode Command that a latch output must remain at "1" for digital output to be generated by the latch.<sup>6</sup>Specifications with digital outputs terminated in 100Ω connected to -2V. RMS signal to rms noise ratio with 500kHz analog input.<sup>7</sup>Peak-to-peak signal to rms noise ratio with 500kHz analog input.<sup>8</sup>DC to 8.2MHz white noise bandwidth with slot frequency of 3.886MHz; and encode rate of 20MHz.<sup>9</sup>For full-scale step input, 6-bit accuracy attained in specified time.<sup>10</sup>Recovering to 6-bit accuracy in specified time after 150% FS input overvoltage.<sup>11</sup>Measured track (sample) mode with  $A_{IN} = +V_{REF}$ .<sup>12</sup>Measured with  $A_{IN} = +V_{REF}$ .<sup>13</sup>Specified frequencies are maximums with no missing codes.<sup>14</sup>Recommended maximum junction temperature is +150°C. When using  $\pm 2V$  references, this temperature may be exceeded unless some form of heat sinking and/or cooling air is used. Note  $\theta_{JA}$  specification.<sup>15</sup>See Section 19 for package outline information.<sup>16</sup>Specifications subject to change without notice.

### ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Parameter	Units	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Supply Voltages			
+V <sub>S</sub>	Volts	-0.3	+6.0
-V <sub>S</sub>	Volts	-6.0	+0.3
Analog Input (A <sub>IN</sub> )	Volts	-3.0	+3.0
Encode Command Input	Volts	-6.0	0.0
Reference Inputs			
+V <sub>REF</sub>	Volts	-3.0	+3.0
-V <sub>REF</sub>	Volts	-3.0	+3.0
Hysteresis Control Input	Volts	0	+3.0
Temperature			
Operating			
AD9000SD	°C	-55	+125
AD9000JD	°C	0	+70
Storage	°C	-55	+150
Lead Soldering (10 seconds)	°C		+300

PIN	SYMBOL	FUNCTION
1	-V <sub>S</sub>	-5.2V NEGATIVE SUPPLY VOLTAGE
2	A <sub>GND</sub>	ANALOG GROUND
3	V <sub>H</sub>	HYSTERESIS CONTROL
4	ENCODE	ENCODE COMMAND INPUT
5	-V <sub>REF</sub>	NEGATIVE VOLTAGE REFERENCE
6	A <sub>IN</sub>	ANALOG INPUT
7	+V <sub>S</sub>	+5V POSITIVE SUPPLY VOLTAGE
8	+V <sub>REF</sub>	POSITIVE VOLTAGE REFERENCE
9	BIT 6	LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT (LSB) OUTPUT
10	BIT 5	BIT 5 OUTPUT
11	BIT 4	BIT 4 OUTPUT
12	BIT 3	BIT 3 OUTPUT
13	BIT 2	BIT 2 OUTPUT
14	BIT 1	MOST SIGNIFICANT BIT (MSB) OUTPUT
15	OVERFLOW	OVERFLOW BIT OUTPUT
16	D <sub>GND</sub>	DIGITAL GROUND

NOTE: A<sub>GND</sub> (PIN 2) and D<sub>GND</sub> (PIN 16) SHOULD BE CONNECTED TOGETHER AS CLOSE TO CASE AS POSSIBLE.

### THEORY OF OPERATION

Refer to the Block Diagram of the AD9000.

Reference voltages (+V<sub>REF</sub> and -V<sub>REF</sub>) applied across an array of identical resistors establish the analog operating span of the unit (+V<sub>REF</sub>) - (-V<sub>REF</sub>). The 64 resistors in the array divide the range into quantization levels equal to intervals of one least significant bit (LSB) between each resistor.

Each tap of the resistor array is connected to its associated voltage comparator input; the other input of each comparator is connected to the analog input (A<sub>IN</sub>) signal. In this way, the comparator stages simultaneously compare the analog input with each one of the 64 (including OVERFLOW) quantization levels within the analog span set by the reference voltages.

Any comparator whose reference level is less than the analog input voltage will change its output state to a digital "1". Comparators whose reference levels are greater than the analog input will remain at digital "0".

Depending on the value of A<sub>IN</sub>, anywhere from none to 64 comparators might have digital "1" at their outputs; the remaining comparators will be at digital "0". Obviously, processing that many bits of digital information is impractical if the data remain in this type of unwieldy format.

Wired-or logic circuits within the AD9000 re-encode the comparator outputs into a manageable, binary format of six bits of parallel data; along with an overflow bit which allows cascading units to obtain higher resolution.

The outputs of the comparators are applied to latches controlled by the ENCODE input. When the encode command is low (digital "0"), the latches are transparent; this is the track (sample) mode of the AD9000.

When the ENCODE input changes to high (digital "1"), the latches go into a "hold" (latch) condition, "freezing" the most recent digital outputs of the comparators and applying them to the encoding circuits.

The signal held in the latches is converted to binary form by the encoders and applied to the output stages as a six-bit digital representation of the analog signal which was present at the comparator inputs at the instant the ENCODE command made the change to the "hold" mode.

After 5-7 nanoseconds in the "hold" mode, the ENCODE input again transitions to a "track" condition; and the six bits of parallel data (but not the OVERFLOW output) return to zero (RZ). The "track" portion of the ENCODE command is 4-6 nanoseconds and during this interval the latches respond to the new state of the comparator outputs. The ENCODE signal then transitions again to the hold/latch (digital "1") mode and the cycle repeats. Track mode and hold mode intervals are dependent on duty cycle; times cited here are approximations for an encode frequency of 75MHz.

Time relationships of the hold/latch mode and track/sample mode of the ENCODE command are often influenced by the word rate selected by the user. At higher rates, it may be desirable to shorten the "hold" portion and lengthen the "track" portion; this technique can often enhance overall performance of the unit.

There is no need for an external track-and-hold circuit because the latches are performing the track/hold function. The aperture uncertainty (jitter) and aperture time (delay) specifications shown on the Specifications Table are "worst case" specs for the individual comparator cells, but are valid for the AD9000 because they manifest themselves as converter characteristics.

The good linearity tempo of the AD9000 is the result of using matched diffused resistors in the input network. Linearity in this type of converter is dependent primarily on the tracking of resistors; expressed in another way, resistance ratios are more important than absolute resistance values. Comparator thresholds in the AD9000 remain constant within a small fraction of 1LSB over the complete operating temperature range because of the close tracking of the resistors within the network. The temperature coefficients of comparator input bias currents and initial offset voltages which contribute to nonlinearity are kept small in the design of the AD9000 to minimize their effects.



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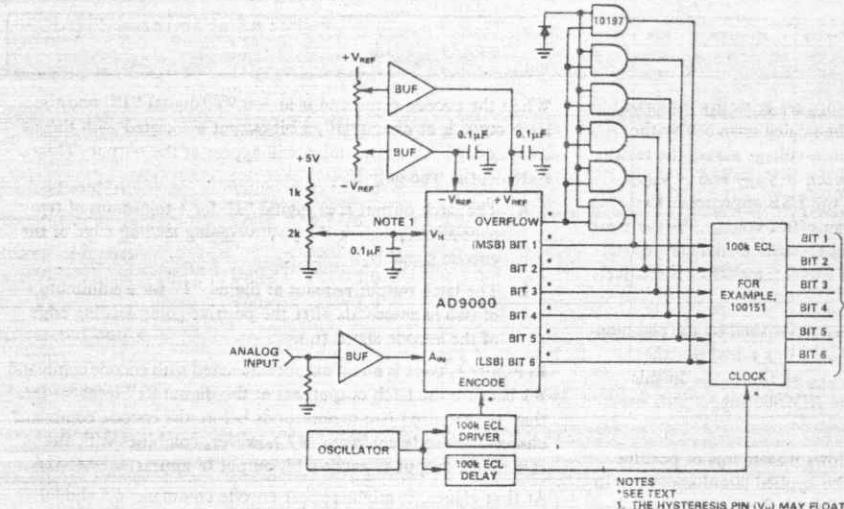


Figure 2. AD9000 6-Bit Operation

ADLH0033 or HOS-100; for the two reference voltages, AD741 devices are recommended. These high performance amplifiers are available in various models, making it easy for the user to select the unit best suited for his application.

The outputs of the reference buffer amplifiers are capacitively bypassed to help prevent noise from interfering with the performance of the AD9000. The ENCODE input is terminated in  $50\Omega$  connected to  $-2V$ ; the CLOCK and digital outputs shown in Figure 2 are terminated in  $100\Omega$ , also to  $-2V$ .

If preferred, the hysteresis input ( $V_H$ ) can be left floating, but experience indicates operation of the AD9000 may be improved with a variable voltage applied; this is particularly true at higher word rates.

Refer to Figure 3, which shows the effect of varying hysteresis control voltages.

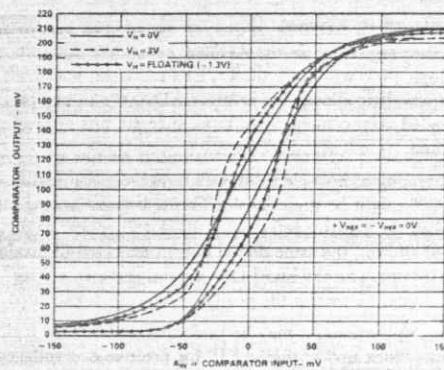


Figure 3. Comparator Output vs. Hysteresis Voltage

In this illustration of a typical comparator's output versus changes in hysteresis voltage, the combination of the two results in a "family" of classic hysteresis curves. The analog input ( $A_{IN}$ ) voltage is measured in millivolts at the input of the comparator; the other comparator input, of course, is the voltage established by the tap on the resistor array discussed earlier. The comparator output shown on the vertical scale is internal to the AD9000 and appears at the output as an ECL-level signal.

For purposes of discussion of this particular comparator,  $+V_{REF} = -V_{REF} = 0V$ . Under these circumstances, the threshold of the illustrated comparator is close to  $0mV$ . The thresholds of adjacent comparators would be at slightly different values, but the  $V_H$  hysteresis voltage would have the same general effect on the comparators' outputs.

Basically, the variations in hysteresis voltages change the gains of the comparators and slightly alter their outputs, as shown in Figure 3. In many applications,  $V_H$  could be left floating, which establishes a hysteresis voltage of approximately  $+1.3V$ . In other applications, however, the ability to introduce a small, predictable amount of hysteresis can enhance the AD9000's performance.

The hysteresis control input voltage can vary over a range of  $0V$  to  $+3.0V$ , with voltages on the lower end of this span having only negligible effect. Variations between  $0V$  and approximately  $+0.5V$  cannot generally be detected as having an impact on the comparator gain.

The interaction between analog input frequencies and the encoding word rate is shown in Figure 4.

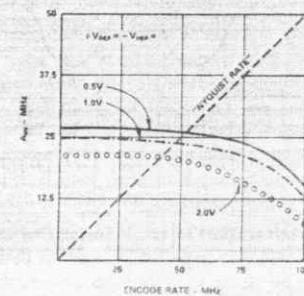


Figure 4. Analog Input vs. Encode Rate

The "Nyquist rate" is shown as a dotted line extending diagonally from dc to an analog input of  $50MHz$ , and a word rate of  $100MHz$ . As illustrated, the range of the analog input reference has a major effect on how closely the AD9000 approaches the Nyquist criteria.

In this figure, the analog input frequencies which are shown are the typical frequencies a user can expect to digitize without

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#### CASCADED AD9000's FOR MORE BITS

Earlier, there was an allusion to the capability for connecting multiple AD9000 units in a cascade arrangement to obtain more than six bits of digital information. Two cascaded devices would be used to obtain seven bits; and four cascaded devices used for

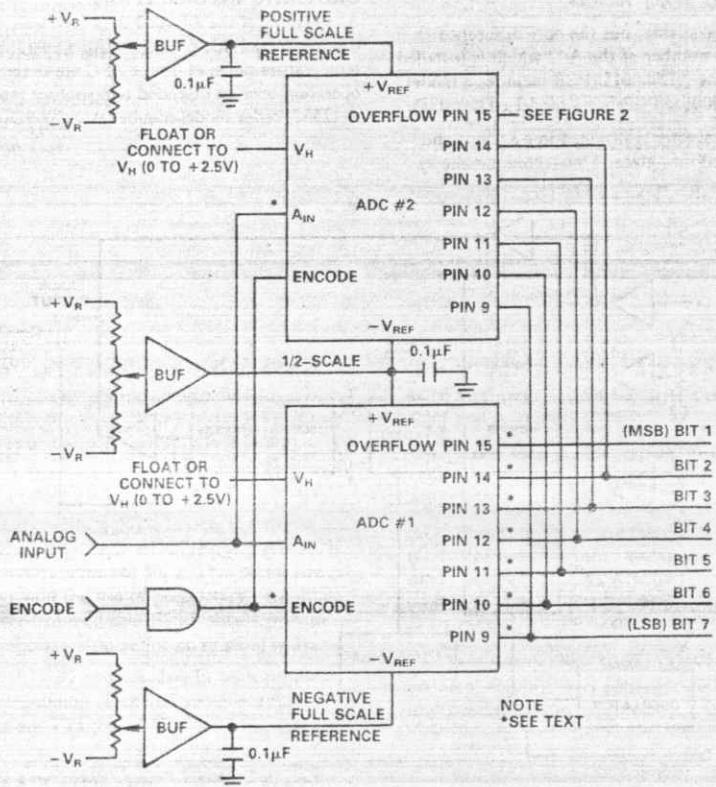


Figure 5. Cascaded AD9000's

When cascading units, the reference-resistor strings are connected in series and driven at the high, low, and mid-scale points. The 6-bit outputs of the two AD9000's are wired together and perform an *or* function; the Most Significant Bit (MSB) is provided by the OVERFLOW output of ADC #1.

If the analog input to the cascaded arrangement is below half-scale, the overflow bit of ADC #2 is low, and so are its output bits. This means the outputs of ADC #1 drive the output lines in response to the analog input.

When the analog input is above half-scale, the OVERFLOW bit of ADC #1 (the MSB) is high and acts as a carry; all the digital output bits of ADC #1 go low. ADC #2 converts the residual upper half-range, and its outputs drive the output lines. The conversions are occurring in parallel, so there is no loss of speed,

eight bits of output. Although it is theoretically possible to generate multiple bits by employing this method, the practical limitations involved in doubling the number of AD9000's for each additional bit tend to restrict the technique to a maximum of eight bits of digital data.

A possible arrangement for achieving a 7-bit A/D converter is shown in Figure 5.

regardless of whether or not one or both of the cascaded A/D's are operating. The OVERFLOW bit of ADC #2 is wire-ored with external logic in a fashion similar to the method used when operating the AD9000 as a six-bit converter.

If this same technique is expanded to eight bits with four cascaded AD9000 devices, the analog reference span is divided into four equal parts; and a small amount of external logic is used to establish Bit 2 and minimize time skew. The need to double the divisions of the reference span with each succeeding bit is a major deterrent in extending this method beyond eight bits of resolution.

The loads used in cascade are the same as those with a single AD9000, i.e., the ENCODE input is terminated in  $50\Omega$  and the CLOCK and digital outputs are terminated in  $100\Omega$ , with all loads connected to  $-2V$ .

### AD9000 EVALUATION/TEST BOARD

Evaluating and/or testing the AD9000 A/D converter is made easier with the use of a printed circuit board which contains an A/D and the necessary test and reconstruction circuits.

A block diagram of this circuit is shown in Figure 6.

The AD9000 being evaluated or tested is connected in a back-to-back arrangement with a high-speed, high-resolution D/A converter. This combination allows the user to select a reconstructed version of the digitized analog input; or to examine the error signal when checking linearity. All necessary circuit components are contained on the 8.5" x 6.3" printed circuit board; the user needs to provide only power supply voltages.

Two models of boards are available, but the only difference between them is the model number of the A/D which is installed at the time of shipment. The AD9000JD/PCB includes a model AD9000JD unit; the AD9000SD/PCB has a model AD9000SD.

In both boards, the A/D converter is installed in a socket; and all other circuits are soldered into place. This technique allows

the evaluation board to be used as a test circuit for incoming AD9000 devices when production quantities are required. Complete operating instructions and a schematic are included with each board.

The test/evaluation board allows the user to check the performance of converters by providing a method for adjusting  $+V_{REF}$ ,  $-V_{REF}$ ,  $V_H$ , encode command pulse width, encode rate, and latch strobe delay. This kind of flexibility in assessing the unit's performance can supply valuable insight on how to obtain optimum performance from the AD9000 and get maximum benefit from its characteristics.

### ORDERING INFORMATION

All versions of the AD9000 A/D converter are housed in 16-pin ceramic monolithic packages. Units operating over the standard temperature range of 0 to +70°C are designated AD9000JD; for operation over an extended temperature range of -55°C to +125°C, order model number AD9000SD.

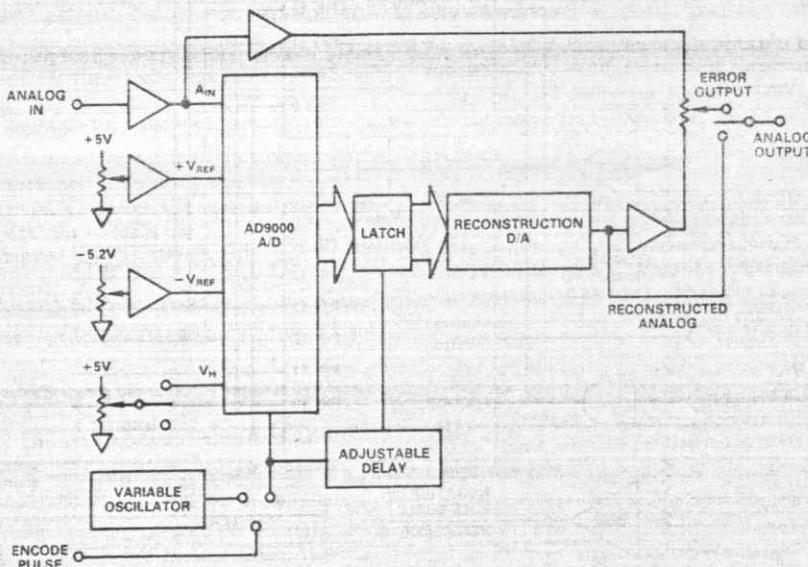


Figure 6. AD9000/PCB Block Diagram